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-Preamble-

We, the members of the Constitution Party, gratefully acknowledge the blessings of our Lord God as Creator, Preserver and Ruler of the Universe and of this Nation. We hereby appeal to Him for aid, comfort, guidance and the protection of His Divine Providence as we work to restore and preserve this nation as a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

The Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights established a republic under God, rather than a democracy.

Our republic is a nation governed by a Constitution, which is rooted in Biblical law, administered by representatives who are Constitutionally elected by the citizens.

In a republic governed by Constitutional law rooted in Biblical law, all life, liberty and property are protected because law rules.

We affirm the principles of inherent individual rights upon which these United States of America were founded:



That each individual is endowed by his Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are the rights to life, liberty, property and the pursuit of the individual's personal interest;

That the freedom to own, use, exchange, control, protect and freely dispose of property is a natural, necessary and inseparable extension of the individual's unalienable rights;

That the legitimate function of government is to secure these rights through the preservation of all domestic tranquility, the maintenance of a strong national defense, and the promotion of equal justice for all;

That history makes clear that left unchecked, it is the nature of government to usurp the liberty of its citizens and eventually become a major violator of the people's rights; and that, therefore, it is essential to bind government with the chains of the Constitution and carefully divide and jealously limit government's powers to those assigned by the consent of the governed.

The Constitution Party calls on all who love liberty and value their inherent rights to join with us in the pursuit of these goals and in the restoration of these founding principles. We speak for Americans: hardworking, productive, taxpaying men and women who constitute the backbone, and the heart, of the American republic and its economy.

These are the producers; these are the ones who should be "first considered and always remembered." It is on their backs that government is carried, and it is out of their pockets that government is financed. Without them and without the product of their skills and their labors, there would be no source to fund the legitimate functions of government; and would be no charity to support the private institutions helping those in need.

No nation can survive if it fails to honorably address the problems which concern these citizens. To these productive but generally forgotten Americans, we offer this platform. It responds to their desires; it is the voice which speaks of them and for them as does that of no other political party.

- Abortion/Euthanasia/Right to Life-

The Constitution Party is on record as recognizing and putting first the sanctity of human life.

The pre-born child, whose life begins at fertilization, is a human being created in God's image. The first duty of the law is to prevent the shedding of innocent blood. It is, therefore, the duty of all civil governments to secure and to safeguard the lives of the pre-born.

To that end, the Constitution of the United States was ordained and established for "ourselves and our posterity." Under no circumstances may the federal government fund or otherwise support any state or local government or any organization or entity, foreign or domestic, which advocates, encourages or participates in the practice of abortion. We also oppose the distribution and use of RU-486 and all other chemical abortifacients.

Article IV of the U.S. Constitution guarantees to each State a republican form of government. The taking of innocent life, including the life of the pre-born, may not be

declared lawful by any institution of state or local government- legislative, judicial or executive. The right to life may certainly not properly be made dependent upon a vote of a majority of any legislative body.

Nor may that right depend upon a majority of justices on any court, including the United States Supreme Court. Therefore, although a Supreme Court decision is binding on the parties to the controversy as to the particulars of the case, it is not a political rule for the nation. Roe-v- Wade is illegitimate, contrary to the law of the nation's charter and constitution. It must be resisted by all civil government officials, federal state and local, and by all branches of the government, legislative, executive and judicial.

In office, we will only appoint to the federal judiciary and to other positions of federal authority qualified individuals who publicly acknowledge and commit themselves to the legal personhood of the pre-born child. In addition, we will do all that is within our power to encourage federal, state and local government officials to protect the sanctity of the life of the pre-born through legislation, executive action, and judicial enforcement of the law of the land.

Finally, we condemn the misuse of anti-racketeering and other federal laws against pro-life demonstrators, and strongly urge the repeal of the RICO and FACE Acts as unconstitutional expansions of federal power into areas reserved to the States by the Ninth and Tenth Amendments.

Just as we oppose abortion-the taking of an innocent, pre-born life, so we adamantly oppose assisted suicide. We oppose any laws which condone or legalize euthanasia, the so-called "mercy killing" of the aged, the ailing, the infirm. The concept of euthanasia is a dangerous move toward legalized termination of the non-productive, the unwanted, and the unprotected. A nation which has become inured to the slaughter of some 30 million innocent babies can all too easily slide into the Hitlerian-Sangerite goal of eliminating those it considers misfits, undesirables or non-productives.

Any physician or nurse who assists in the termination of innocent life is not worthy to be a member of the healing arts profession, which is one of the noblest of all callings.

-AIDS-

The spread of AIDS is attributable to various causes, but principally to promiscuous homosexual conduct and drug abuse. Because of the failure of the federal government to protect the blood supply under its control from corruption, and because of policies which in fact encourage illicit sexual conduct and which otherwise place innocent citizens at risk, millions of non-homosexual, non-drug-abusing Americans have been given a death sentence.

Under no circumstances should the federal government continue to subsidize activities which have the effect of encouraging perverted or promiscuous sexual conduct. In the name of "safe sex", hundreds of millions of tax dollars have been misdirected to organizations which contribute to the spread of AIDS by endorsing, implicitly and explicitly, perverse, immoral and unhealthy sexual conduct.

In all federally funded facilities and institutions, the policy of the United States



government should be to protect the uninfected from any avoidable exposure which could place them at risk; not only from HIV and AIDS, but from all of the diseases. We believe that all HIV infection is a public health concern and not a civil rights issue.

Criminal penalties should apply to those whose willful acts of omission or commission place members of the public at toxic risk.

-Bring Government Back Home-

The closer civil government is to the people, the more responsible, responsive, and accountable it is likely to be. The Tenth Amendment to the Constitution makes clear that the federal government has only those powers which are explicitly delegated to it. All other rights and authorities are reserved to the states and to the people. We pledge to be faithful to this constitutional requirement and to work methodically to restore to the states and to the people control over legislative, judicial, executive and regulatory functions which are beyond the delegated scope of the federal government.

We stand opposed to regionalization or grouping of governments at any level, which results in removal of decision-making powers from the scrutiny of the people.

-Congressional Reform-

The Congress of the United States has become an overpaid, overstaffed, self-serving institution. It confiscates taxpayer funds to finance exorbitant and unconstitutionally determined salaries, pensions and perks. Most members of Congress have become more accountable to the Washington Establishment than to the people in their home districts. Both Houses of Congress are all too often unresponsive and irresponsible, arrogantly placing themselves above the very laws they enact, and beyond the control of the citizens they have sworn to represent and serve.

Abolish Congressional pensions.

Abolish federal pay for members of Congress, and restore provisions for per diem allowances.

It is time for the American people to renew effective supervision of their employees in public office, to restore right standards, and to take back the government. Congress must once again be accountable to the people, and obedient to the Constitution, repealing all laws that delegate legislative powers to regulatory agencies, bureaucracies, private organizations, the Federal Reserve Board, international agencies, the President and the judiciary.

The U.S. Constitution, as originally framed in Article I, Section 3, provided for U.S. Senators to be elected by the state legislators. This provided the states direct representation in the legislative branch so as to deter the usurping of powers that are constitutionally reserved to the states or to the people.

The Seventeenth Amendment (providing for direct, popular election of U.S. Senators) took away from state governments their constitutional role of indirect participation in the federal legislative process.



If we are to see a return to the states of those powers, programs and sources of revenues that the federal government has unconstitutionally taken away, then it is also vital that we repeal the Seventeenth Amendment and return to the state legislatures the function of electing the U.S. Senate. In doing so, it would return the U.S. Senate to being a body that represents the legislatures of the several States, on the federal level, thereby restoring the tremendously vital part of the designed checks and balances of power that our Constitution originally provided.

-Constitutional Convention-

We affirm the original text of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. We affirm that the nation's charter, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution contain the foundational law of the federal union. We condemn, therefore, all legislative, executive and judicial action that departs from the texts of the charter and the Constitution and their original meaning.

We oppose any attempt to call for a constitutional convention for any purpose whatsoever, because it cannot be limited to any single issue, and such convention could seriously erode our constitutionally protected unalienable rights.

-Cost of Big Government-

The only legitimate purpose of civil government is to safeguard the God-given rights of its citizens; namely, life, liberty and property. Only those duties, functions and programs specifically assigned to the federal government by the Constitution should be funded.

Since 1961:

Income tax collections have increased from \$41 billion to \$631 billion in 1996.

Social Security Taxes have gone up from \$16 billion to \$473 billion in 1996.

Corporate taxes have gone up from \$21 billion to \$177 billion in 1996.

Estate and gift taxes have gone up from \$1.9 billion to \$15.9 billion in 1996.

During that same period, federal spending has increased from less than \$100 billion per year in 1961 to \$1.6 trillion for the current fiscal year. Federal regulations are now costing the American people more than \$739 billion per year.

Since 1981 the national debt has quintupled: from \$914 billion to more than \$5 trillion. Interest on that debt has soared from \$9.12 billion in 1961 to \$344.63 billion in 1996. It now costs more to service the debt than Uncle Sam collects in income taxes.

The federal government has turned into a tax-and-spend monster that is devouring the people it is supposed to be serving.

As the Declaration of Independence cried out, so it is today: The federal government "has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent out hither swarms of officers to harass our people and eat out their substances." Just since 1961, at least 297 new federal commission, councils, public corporations, grants and management programs have been created -in addition to all those which existed beforehand.

The Constitution Party calls on all citizens to join in the drive to restore constitutional government and reduce the cost and controls of the federal leviathan. We must reduce the reach, the grasp, and the take of the federal government. It has grown too big, too expensive, too wasteful, too arrogant. Its cost has been at the expense of America's families, imposing upon them financial burdens which require both fathers and mothers to work outside the home just to make ends meet.

We must restore to the state those powers, programs and sources of revenues which the federal government has usurped.

The Constitution Party calls upon the Congress and the Executive to disapprove and halt all federal expenditures which are not specifically authorized by the Constitution of these United States.

The President of the United States must use his constitutional veto power to stop irresponsible and unconstitutional Congressional appropriations, and use his constitutional authority to faithfully execute laws to refuse to spend any money appropriated by Congress to unconstitutional programs or in excess of constitutionally imposed tax revenues.

We call for the abolition of the Civil Service system which confers on government employees a "property right" in their jobs. The President should be able to determine who will carry out-free from subversion or opposition from the tax-paid personnel-those programs which he has promised the people to inaugurate and implement.

Turning back the "federal spending clock" by five years will not destroy the economy; in fact, it would revive it. Instead of having these monies confiscated and squandered by politicians and bureaucrats, we would return hundreds of billions of dollars to the taxpayers, so that Americans could spend or invest their own money as they choose. The productive private sector jobs created and the investment of capital released would not only put new life in the domestic economy, it would be an important assist in the drive to compete with foreign industries here and in world markets. The return of people's money would create jobs and investment instead of having it confiscated and spent on non-productive, wasteful programs and pork barrels by politicians and bureaucrats.

-Crime-

Crime, in most cases, is to be dealt with by state and local governments. To the degree that the federal government, in its legislation, in its judicial actions, in its regulations, and in its Executive Branch activities, interferes with ability of the people in their communities to apprehend, judge and penalize accused lawbreakers, it bears